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Tenth District an able and faithful German-American who has the esteem and confidence of the people of the district. Lieutenant Governor Bolte deserves the vote of every German-American who stands firm in support of the principles of the old Republic. In the performance of his official duties at Jefferson City, and especially as presiding officer of the State Senate, he has proved himself a capable and reliable public servant. He is admirably fitted to represent the Tenth District in Congress. It is easy to believe that the voters of the Tenth Congressional District of Missouri will see fit to re-elect Mr. Bartholdt and to elect Mr. Bolte in his place.

## TIMELY AWAKENING.

When the death of Collis P. Huntington and the present promise for a Nicaragua Canal are considered the American nation will see the timeliness of its awakening to the noxious influence which Great Britain has exercised in the affairs of the Western Hemisphere during McKinley's administration. The looked-for triumph of the forces of the American Republic promises to put a speedy end to this influence and to make the United States stand again on their own feet without regard to the wishes of Great Britain.

An irreparable mistake might have been committed by the United States had the Hay-Pauncefote treaty been approved by the Senate. That treaty recognizes as valid the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, which gives Great Britain an equal share with the United States in the control of the Nicaragua Canal. That treaty was framed by a Secretary of State who had a consuming respect and love for England. Had the treaty been approved, the United States would have been handicapped forever by its provisions unless a war had resulted in their abrogation. The United States would have built and paid for the canal and Great Britain would have used and controlled it.

No such contingency will arise if the forces of the Republic gain control of the government machinery. The United States will build the canal and will own and control it. The same Americans who from down the war on the little Philippine nation would willingly undertake a war with Great Britain to establish the invalidity of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty and to enforce the just rights which the McKinley administration sought to sacrifice even without a protest.

A ship canal between the Atlantic and the Pacific oceans would affect the early nations and its work as no event has affected them since the opening of the Suez Canal. The recent death of Collis P. Huntington, who as a beneficiary of the Pacific railroads was a consistent and unrelenting opponent of a transcontinental ship canal, has cleared away a stumbling block in the way of the enterprise. The legislation and treaties which will make that canal an established future event will all be the work of the coming four years. No pro-British administration should negotiate these treaties. The Nicaragua Canal must be an American project. It must be owned by Americans as it is built by Americans, and no European nation must have a voice in its control or protection. The United States can attend to all these things without the aid of Great Britain.

## FROM THE LOOK-OUT.

St. Louis can congratulate herself that in the census of 1900 she retained the rank of fourth city in the United States. Cities are ranked often by population, but by any other attribute, and rank is important.

How much rank counts is shown by Cincinnati. The census of 1900 has dropped her three places in the scale of importance. She was passed by Cleveland, Buffalo and San Francisco, and ceased to be, what she had always been, the metropolis of Ohio.

St. Louis has little to fear from Eastern cities in the matter of growth. The lake cities which showed so remarkable an increase in the 1900 census are likely to grow during the next ten years, but Chicago's growth will hold back Buffalo and Cleveland, and vice versa. Chances are that St. Louis will not be threatened in 1910 by Boston and Baltimore. St. Louis was only 3,000 ahead of Boston in the census of 1890, while the difference between them is now some 14,000. This difference will increase rather than diminish.

San Francisco seems to be the city on which St. Louis will have to keep a watchful eye. Its gain during the last ten years has been far under that of St. Louis and its population is only 32,782, but Oriental trade and the opening of the Nicaragua Canal, which will probably come during the next ten years, will have a marked influence on that city. It will remove the barrier which the mountains have always been to the growth of the Golden Gate City. These rugged heights, pierced here and there by a supreme exercise of engineering ingenuity by narrow-gauge railroads clinging precariously to mountain sides, scurrying hither and thither across the Platte and the Grande rivers in search of the easiest way to the peak-crowning passes, have materially impeded the growth of San Francisco. It has been shut out from easy intercourse with the rest of the United States. The Nicaragua Canal will change all this. San Francisco will be the Western port for American shipping which threatens that canal.

St. Louis cannot rest on her ears if she would hold her place. She must keep pressing up on Philadelphia and Chicago. The Louisiana Purchase World's Fair will help toward this and the opening of the Nicaragua Canal will benefit St. Louis at the expense of the lake and the Eastern inland cities, but St. Louis must push ahead. Far off as the million mark seems, considering a decennial growth of some 20 per cent as the normal, St. Louis should try to reach that mark by 1910.

## OMENS FAVOR BRYAN.

All the omens and superstitions which bear on the present campaign augur the election of Bryan. There are several of these which by their constant verification have come to exercise a peculiar influence on the public mind. Whenever the same candidates for President have confronted each other in successive Presidential elections the loser in the first instance won in the second. Thomas Jefferson was defeated in 1796 by John Adams; in 1800 Jefferson was elected over Adams. In 1824 Andrew Jackson was beaten by John Quincy Adams; in 1828 Jackson defeated Adams. In 1836 Martin Van Buren was elected over William Henry Harrison; in 1840 Harrison defeated Van Buren. In 1848 Cleveland was defeated by Benjamin Harrison; in 1852 Cleveland turned the tables on Harrison. Another superstition that bears on the present canvass is that New York swings from side to side in successive Presidential elections. As the State went for McKinley in 1896 it should go for Bryan in 1900. New York gave a majority for Grant, Republican, in 1872; for Tilden, Democrat, in 1876; for Garfield, Republican, in 1880; for Cleveland, Democrat, in 1884; for Harrison, Republican, in 1888; for Cleveland, Democrat, in 1892; for McKinley, Republican, in 1896. It is Bryan's turn in 1900.

## CROWNS AND TRUE LOVE.

Princess Arbeth of Anhalt, granddaughter of Queen Victoria, is so unhappy with her fiancée Prince of a husband that she refuses to live longer with him and is thought to be contemplating the institution of a suit for divorce.

Ed Adams. In 1836 William Van Buren was elected over Martin Henry Harrison; in 1840 Harrison defeated Van Buren. In 1848 Cleveland was defeated by Benjamin Harrison;